



SALEM FIRE-EMS

NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 1862 MURRELL AVE.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 1862 Murrell Ave. this morning at approximately 9:08 a.m. There were two occupants in the home at the time of the fire, and they were able to escape without injury.

The first units arrived within five minutes of receiving the 911 call and found fire and heavy smoke coming from the home. The fire was contained within 20 minutes, but the home did sustain extensive fire and smoke damage. Firefighters were able to rescue a family cat from the structure and the cat did not appear to suffer any injuries.

Approximately 20 individuals from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Medic 801, and Medic 802) and the Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1) responded to the call. Roanoke Fire & EMS Department provided an engine to cover additional calls, while Salem crews battled the blaze.

The Salem Fire Marshal's office has determined the fire started in a wood stove flue pipe and then extended into the attic. Damage to the home is estimated at \$54,000.

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